

Attachment

Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region to Remove the Potential REC-1 Beneficial Use for “Ballona Creek,” Replace the Potential REC-1 Beneficial Use for “Ballona Creek to Estuary” with an Existing Limited REC-1 Use, and Add Bacteria Objectives to Protect the New Limited REC-1 Use.

Proposed for adoption by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on June XX, 2003.

Amendments:

In Chapter 2 “Beneficial Uses” of the Basin Plan, add the following paragraph under “*Water Contact Recreation REC-1*” on p. 2-2:

Limited Water Contact Recreation (LREC-1): Uses of water for recreational activities involving body contact with water, where full REC-1 use is limited by physical conditions such as very shallow water depth and restricted access and, as a result, ingestion of water is incidental and infrequent.

In Chapter 2, Table 2.1 “Beneficial Uses of Inland Surface Waters” p. 2-10:

Remove potential REC-1 use for “Ballona Creek” and “Ballona Creek to Estuary” by deleting “P” in the corresponding columns.

Add an existing limited REC-1 use for “Ballona Creek to Estuary” by adding “EL” in the REC-1 column. Add the following footnote to the Table 2.1 on p. 2-10: “Limited (L) REC-1 use based on shallow water depths and infrequent use”.

In Chapter 3 “Water Quality Objectives” of the Basin Plan, include the following to the second paragraph under “Bacteria, Coliform” (as amended in the attachment to the Regional Board Resolution No. 2001-018 “Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Update the Bacteria Objectives for Water Bodies Designated for Water Contact Recreation”) on page 3-3:

In Fresh Waters Designated for Limited Contact Recreation (LREC-1)

1. Geometric Mean Limits

- a. *E. coli* density shall not exceed 126/100 ml.
- b. *Fecal coliform* density shall not exceed 200/100 ml.

2. Single Sample Limits

- a. *E. coli* density shall not exceed 576/100ml.
- b. *Fecal coliform* limits shall not apply.

The single sample limit for *E. coli* is based on EPA’s determination of the most appropriate single sample maximum density for water bodies infrequently used for full-body contact recreation.¹

¹U.S. EPA. 1986. Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Bacteria – 1986. Report No. EPA 330/5-84-002. January 1986.